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## Collectors' Update

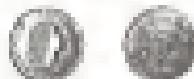
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# 1794 Flowing Hair Half Dime reproductions now available

Order now at special pre-issue price of only \$14 each until May 26

The Flowing Hair half dime reproductions are soon to be in production. We are now offering the un Serialized version at a special pre-issue price of only \$14 each for GMM collection until May 26, 2000. After this date, the price will be increased to \$16 and offered to the general public.

As usual, these reproductions will be the same weight (1.25 grams), the same alloy (90% silver, 10% copper) and the same diameter (16.5 mm) as the original coins. The repro-



Shown here actual size:  
a replica of the first U.S.  
five cent coin, the 1794  
Flowing Hair Half Dime is  
available for \$14  
postpaid until  
May 26, 2000

duction is limited right down to the serial number.

This is the second of a three piece 1794 reproduction set that will include the Liberty Cap half cent, the famous "starred reverse" variety large cent (also available now), the previously issued Flowing Hair half dollar (still available for \$17) and the highly requested Flowing Hair dollar (the very first U.S. silver dollar). The Half Cent and Dollar reproductions will be released in the next issue of Collector's Update.

The proof reproductions will be offered in a later date as part of a limited-edition 1794 proof set.

# Replica 1794 Liberty Cap Cent

Famous "Starred Reverse" variety

Available at special pre-issue price of only \$10 until May 26, 2000

At the request of literally hundreds of copper enthusiasts, we are introducing a reproduction of the famous 1794 "starred reverse" cent. Starred variety \$10.

The reverse side used to make the original coin was unique in the fact that it had the very tiny, fine points that made the "stars".

Available for only \$10 each until May 26 to GMM collectors, the reproductions will be offered in the general public at \$12 after this date.

Because of the nature of this piece



we are anticipating many people will be ordering them with no reverse copy stamp, and have prepared a special die with the design incorporated into the reverse die.

At present prices you may consider ordering one or two, obverse and reverse COPY stamps so you can view the original die variety exhibited by the monetary experts.



But tiny stars encircle the reverse under denim.

# Concept Dollars are still available for \$25

These pieces for the new dollar coin were produced in 1993 to generate the "Washington designs" nucleus or example of what the new golden-dollar could look like. By many accounts, these pieces made a significant impact on the passing of legislation for the new coin.

Our designer, Ross Lovell, first designed the "Flowing Hair" type and issued it with a letter to Congress prior to the coin's introduction. Rep. Michael Castle, then chairman of the International Monetary Policy Committee, decided that the more receptive Senate of Liberty would be more recognizable. He found the reverse design the Mint had chosen, designed earlier by James Frantz, a little unappealing.

To fully promote this design, Gentry Mint made this second type of pieces that was cast based on models of the逆和正的 dies. The design was actually written onto the original bell. The bell passed with the exception that the design be left to the Secretary of Treasury. Robert Rubin favored a different obverse and the rest is history.

Having sufficient interest prompted us to produce 2000 of each design type to offer to the general public. These pieces are limited in production and are available for \$25 while the short supply lasts. Due to low supply,

police in the design competition, we were not able to procure these designs in any way, so we can't influence the selection process.

Now that the selection is complete and the designers chosen, how to translate its form into coins made available the remaining problem while supplies last. Only about 15% of each type remains to be sold. This is your last chance to purchase the unique pieces from the mint that produced it.

The second design was one of four designs that made it to the final round and was very close to being accepted. The design selected was the work of Theodore Baergen, an outstanding litho engraver, and friend of Gentry Mint.



Peace Eagle  
reverse is even  
more to both types

## Work continues on first U.S. steam powered coining press

An innovative striking technology which was to take place March 22 at the Franklin Institute of Science and Technology was postponed due to unforeseen mechanical problems with the 104 year old coining press originally installed at the Mint in 1893.

The press was shipped to the GMM machine shop for repairs by our machine machinist, Jim Ross. After partial disassembly, it was discovered that the word "which holds the upper die was very loosely dimensioned in holes, approaching the size to hold an unbroken metal plate" the 40000 pounds of the coining process. The part came down with the handle arm of the press. This caused both bush and teeth areas of the handle caused the steel screw become disengaged and unable to reassemble to hold the part securely.

Jim remedied the problem by enlarging the nut and propeller hole in the handle arm, and gears the sleeve that would provide a very tight fit to the steel block, which was precision ground to fit the arm there. The shaft is barely sustainable to the eye, but will add greatly to the efficiency and accuracy of the striking operation. More is possible to adjust the machine so that the dies will be parallel, a problem that has plagued the press throughout its modern spin of striking however when at the Franklin Institute in the fall and fall.

After final repairs are made, we will strike 20 gold, 200 silver and 2000 copper medals commemorating the anniversary of the first mint coining Gold and silver pieces have been sold, but most of the copper medals are still available for \$25 each through the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs. Proceeds from the sales of these medals will help offset the cost of repairs and pay for next to expense in future Coincon Novem-

ber 10 going to the A.N.A.

however, the press will be on display at the ANA convention in Philadelphia in August. A special stand will be erected at the convention where visitors will be able to view the machine in operation. Another part of the exhibit will feature hand hammering, the Gentry Mint-Master™ tool demonstration, milled currency with some pieces, as well as demonstrations in hand engraving. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will have a demonstration of the engraving printing process.

This promises to be the most complete working exhibit of the coining processes ever shown at a coincon or event. If you have never been to an ANA convention, this is one that should not be missed.



# Coin club tours Gallery Mint Museum

Special thanks goes to the Johnson County Numismatic Society. About thirty members attended a special outing from the Kansas City area to visit our facility, we here in Eureka Springs. It was the first time such a large group of numismatists visited the small mint, but special arrangements were set up so the group could see the various types of encapsulated coinage methods still practiced here at GMM.

A good time was had by all who attended as club members were able to operate some of the presses to coin their own replicas and answer questions. Several members even tried to make their own encapsulated coins by hand placing the planchets on our random luminate press. Many of the dies from the old Missouri Mint.

The most novel was shown up as that folks could make their own planchet molds as well as some interesting designs. Also on display at the time was our powered U.S. coin press that is often featured in the reports.

The most welcome as well, we would like to encourage other coin clubs to visit our facility. Schedule a tour advance, and we will make time to accommodate your club.

# 1794 Half Dollar replica is well received

Sales of the Flowing Hair Half Dollar reproduction continue to be strong from GMM collections and numismatists alike. Many positive comments are being received by email and phone from happy owners of the new reproductions.

Pre-order sales at a reduced rate have much appreciated by our patients who noted that and took advantage of the discount. This seems to be a nice win situation, while greatly helping our cash flow and at same, award our good customers a few benefits on future sales.

We will continue to offer those discount rates for new sales for a limited time. (except for limited editions) Just a small way we can say thank you to all the great folks who have been supporting our efforts.

The Half Dollar reproductions are still available for \$21 per piece.



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